WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A data processing method comprising:

an operation detection step of detecting

5 operation performed on an apparatus;

a state detection step of detecting a state of the apparatus when said operation is detected in said operation detection step;

a first execution step of executing motion

10 corresponding to said operation in a case where the state of the apparatus is not a help mode;

an audio output step of phonetically outputting a description of the motion corresponding to said operation in a case where the state of the apparatus is

15 the help mode;

a storage step of storing in a predetermined storage device information regarding said operation, whose description has been phonetically outputted; and

a second execution step of executing motion

20 corresponding to said operation based on the information regarding said operation stored in the storage device, in a case where the state of the apparatus is the help mode.

25 2. The data processing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second operation detection step of detecting

second operation performed on the apparatus; and

a second state detection step of detecting a state of the apparatus when the second operation is detected in said second detection step,

5   wherein in said second execution step, motion corresponding to the information regarding said operation stored in the storage device is executed in a case where the state of the apparatus detected in said second state detection step is the help mode.

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3.   The data processing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a cancellation step of canceling the help mode of the apparatus in a case where the state of the

15   apparatus is the help mode and said operation is help operation; and

a setting step of setting the state of the apparatus in the help mode in a case where the state of the apparatus is not the help mode and said operation

20   is help operation.

4.   The data processing method according to claim 1, wherein in said first execution step, motion corresponding to said operation is executed in a case

25   where the state of the apparatus is not the help mode and said operation is not help operation.

5.   The data processing method according to claim 1,
wherein in said audio output step, the description of
the motion corresponding to said operation is
phonetically outputted in a case where the state of the
5   apparatus is the help mode and said operation is not
help operation.

6.   The data processing method according to claim 1,
further comprising a termination step of terminating
10   audio output being currently outputted in a case where
operation performed on the apparatus is detected in
said operation detection step.

7.   The data processing method according to claim 1,
15   further comprising a second audio output step of
phonetically outputting a motion result of said
operation executed in said second execution step.

8.   The data processing method according to claim 1,
20   further comprising:
        an acquisition step of acquiring a name of said
operation performed on the apparatus; and
        a third audio output step of phonetically
outputting the name before phonetically outputting the
25   description of the motion in said audio output step.

9.   The data processing method according to claim 1,

further comprising:

a determination step of determining whether or not one same operation has been repeatedly performed on the apparatus; and

5   a changing step of changing sound quality of output speech from the speech outputted last, in a case where one same operation has been repeatedly performed.

10.   The data processing method according to claim 9,
10   wherein in said changing step, vocalize speed of the output speech is changed.

11.   The data processing method according to claim 9, wherein in said changing step, volume of the output
15   speech is changed.

12.   The data processing method according to claim 9, wherein in said changing step, vocal quality of the output speech is changed.
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13.   A data processing apparatus comprising:

operation detection means for detecting operation performed on an apparatus;

state detection means for detecting a state of
25   the apparatus when said operation detection means detects said operation;

first execution means for executing motion

corresponding to said operation in a case where the

state of the apparatus is not a help mode;

audio output means for phonetically outputting a

description of the motion corresponding to said

5   operation in a case where the state of the apparatus is

the help mode;

storage means for storing information regarding

said operation, whose description has been phonetically

outputted by said audio output means; and

10   second execution means for executing motion

corresponding to said operation based on the

information regarding said operation stored in said

storage means, in a case where the state of the

apparatus is the help mode.

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14.   A program which causes a computer to execute:

an operation detection procedure for detecting

operation performed on an apparatus;

a state detection procedure for detecting a state

20   of the apparatus when said operation is detected by

said operation detection procedure;

a first execution procedure for executing motion

corresponding to said operation in a case where the

state of the apparatus is not a help mode;

25   an audio output procedure for phonetically

outputting a description of the motion corresponding to

said operation in a case where the state of the

apparatus is the help mode;

a storage procedure for storing in a predetermined storage device information regarding said operation, whose description has been phonetically

5   outputted by said audio output procedure; and

a second execution procedure for executing motion corresponding to said operation based on the information regarding said operation stored in the storage device, in a case where the state of the

10 apparatus is the help mode.

15.   A computer-readable recording medium which stores the program described in claim 14.

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